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SUBJECT: FURTHER ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF PRIVINCIAL DEPUTY LUCERO

REF: BA 8869

1. LESS THAN 24 HOURS AFTER THE FIRST UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO KILL PROVINCIAL DEPUTY JUAN LUIS LUCERO, HIS ASSAILANTS, THIS TIME USING A BOMB RATHER THAN MACHINEGUNS, WERE AGAIN UNSUCCESSFUL.

2. BECAUSE LUCERO IS INVESTIGATING CHARGES OF POLICE TORTURE AND OTHER ILLEGAL PRACTICES THERE IS A GENERAL PRESUMPTION THAT HE IS THE TARGET OF RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS.

3. IN A RELATED INCIDENT, RODRIGUEZ ARAYA, SON OF A DECEASED RADICAL DEPUTY FROM SANTA FE, RECENTLY WROTE LUCERO'S COMMISSION ASKING THAT LUCERO INVESTIGATE HIGH-LEVEL POLICE OFFICIALS WITH THE SAME VIGOR WITH WHICH HE HAS PURSUED LOW-LEVEL OFFICIALS. LAST NIGHT, RIDRIGUEZ ARAYA'S HOME WAS SPRAYED WITH MACHINEGUN FIRE--PRESUMABLY BY THE SAME GROUP TRYING TO GET LUCERO. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

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4. TODAY'S LA OPINION CITES YESTERDAY'S KIDNAPPING OF

ESSO EXECUTIVE PETER SAMUELSON (BA 8893) AND THE LUCERO
ATTACK AS EXAMPLES OF THE SELECTIVE BLINDNESS OF THE
ULTRA-LEFT AND RIGHT. WHILE EACH PROCLAIMS ITSELF HORRIFIED BY
THE ACTIONS OF THE OTHER, BOTH CONTINUE TO ARM THEMSELVES TO
THE TEETH AND CARRY OUT FURTHER OUTRAGES.
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